

Waitangi Tribunal hearing for the Raukawa Iwi



Māori wardens – Jennifer Bell, Ngāti Toa and Bill Koko, Ngāti Porou



It was chance to catch up for two Hato Pāora old boys David Stone and Hemi Te Nahu at the hearings. They were extremely proud to return to their college this week for the Waitangi Tribunal hearings. Also due to attend was David's brother Damian Stone who last year was sworn in as a has Judge of the Māori Land Court.



Brian Emery of Ngāti Kauwhata was the first speaker at the pōwhiri to the Waitangi Tribunal. He said he was honoured to adapt kōrero given to him by Waikato kaumātua Pumi Taituha and Reverend Tangi Temapu Ahuahu. In his kōrero he wanted to honour the important occasion for the iwi involved in the hearing and to the homelands of the Waikato. He also honoured manuhiri with pepeha and whakatauāki pertinent to those areas. During his whaikōrero he was surprised when the audience looked up and witnessed a rainbow and then a sprinkling of rain fell on the pōwhiri. Brian said it was about Tawhaki going up to the heavens.



Awhina Twomey of Ngati Manomano was honoured to support the speakers during the whaikōrero – Kahu o te Rangi Ropata (Ngāti Toarangatira) and her brother Jerald with waiata tawhito to match their kōrero. Awhina is a member of the Northern organising committee and MC for the proceedings. Here she has shown a presence and a commanding knowledge of tikanga, waiata tawhito and karakia. She is able to lighten the mood with a good dose of humour. Importantly, she is able to hurry people along from the kai tent to the hearing.



Robbie Richardson of Ngāti Parewahawaha and Ngāti Kahoro te Tini said what was clear for me yesterday was that we were ready and we were organised. This was confirmed by the opening statements and by the tohu of sprinkling rain during the opening whaikōrero.



Manukura: A group of Manukura students from Palmerston North were led by their Tumuaki Nathan Durie to the Waitangi Tribunal hearings held at Hato Pāora College

Youtube feed a winner.

News quickly spread that the Waitangi Tribunal hearing for the Raukawa iwi confederation was being broadcast live on Youtube. Those who couldn't attend opted to watch via Youtube.

Kaimahi for International Conference Services Alan Doyle said on the first day they had 513 views during a five hour period. The majority of those were during the time Sir Taihākurei Durie presented his opening statement on Te Pene Raupatu, confiscation by the pen.

If you are interested in viewing the livefeed see below links or go to:

Day 2: <https://youtu.be/YSFSgdBw9so>

Day 3: <https://youtu.be/qN2OkNN2jUk>

Day 4: <https://youtu.be/2EA79jL6nV4>

Day 5: <https://youtu.be/YGzmZkzN5As>